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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Boerboom Park Expansion Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Osseo, located at 415 Central Ave, Osseo, Minnesota 55369.

This project would enable the City of Osseo to conduct a complete reconstruction and expansion of the City's main downtown park, Boerboom Veterans Memorial Park. The project would expand the park from a half block to a full block and would include: community gathering spaces, ADA-compliant playground equipment, open green space, and a new community bandshell where the City hosts many special events, such as the summer Movies and Music in the Park series, that are well attended by residents and visitors. A dog run area is also included as the increase in housing density in the local downtown area has increased the number of pets who live within walking distance of Boerboom Park. Finally, the Boerboom Park monument would be rehabilitated and prominently featured in the newly renovated park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enables the City to provide accessible community green space to correspond with its increasing housing density to ensure the health and wellbeing of the City's community members.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code section 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Phillips', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress